

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Commissioner of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Special Meeting** on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking formal action regarding the items listed on the attached agenda. For those that would like to participate please join with the following link: JOIN WEBEX


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If during the course of this meeting, the City Commission should determine that a closed or executive meeting of session of the City Commission is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., will be held by the City Commission at the date, hour, and place indicated in this Notice-Agenda or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice/Agenda as the City Commission may conveniently meet in such closed door or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the section and purpose covered by the following section of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.087. Should any final action, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the City Commission with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, decision, or vote shall be either in the open meeting, or at a subsequent public meeting upon notice, therefore, as the City Commission shall determine.

This notice is given in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. Seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

ATTEST:

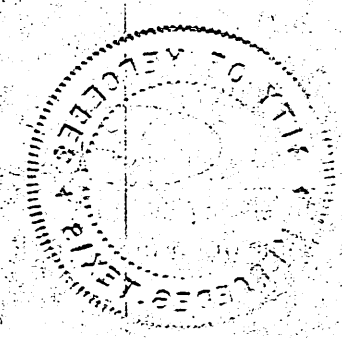


Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 3:15 P.M

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The City of Mercedes recognizes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (956) 565-3114 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with requests for reasonable accommodations, including requests for a sign language interpreter.

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MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS

- 1.) Call Meeting to Order.
- 2.) Establish Quorum.
- 3.) Invocation.
- 4.) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5.) Open Forum-

Maximum length of time of forum is forty-five minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of five minutes. The City Commission can take no formal action on any city related matter discussed during the open forum. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up as they arrive, indicating the topic about which they wish to speak. No one will be able to sign up **AFTER 5:50 PM**. The information required for signing up must be completed by that time. No public comments will be allowed during any agenda item unless recognized by the Mayor of if the item requires a public hearing. State your name and address before beginning your presentation.

There can be no comments about specific employees. By Charter, the City Manager is exclusively given authority over personnel matters, including complaints against city personnel. All complaints against city personnel will be addressed pursuant to Mercedes Personnel Policies. Comments must not be repeated and the Commission is not required to answer any question from the public. Any person who decides to directly question any member of the City Commission will be asked to discontinue their comments. The City Secretary's office representative will be responsible for notifying each presenter that their five-minute time limit has expired.

- 6.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21):
 - A.) Approval of Minutes for City Commission meeting held February 2 and 9, 2021
- 7.) City Manager Comments
- 8.) Discussion and Possible Action on Marketing Campaign to Promote Mercedes to the RGV Market (DCM Director)
- 9.) Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize Issuance of RFP/RFQ for General Legal Services
- 10.) Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize Issuance of RFP/RFQ for Contingency Contract for Legal Services Under Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code for Contingent Fee Legal Services Related to Certain Pending Litigation
- 11.) Discussion regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act.
- 12.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding the hiring of a permanent City Manager, including but not limited to the commencement of City Commission interviews for applicants. (Benavidez and Gomez)
- 13.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding the proper procedure or the retention of outside legal counsel regarding confidential matters. (Benavidez and Gomez)
- 14.) Discussion and Possible action regarding duties and responsibility of the City Manager per Mercedes city charter, Article III. (Benavidez and Gomez)
- 15.) Discussion and update on hiring of Grant Writers / Consultants
- 16.) Update, consideration and possible action regarding Parks and Recreation Committee
- 17.) Update and discussion regarding Economic Development Matters
- 18.) Future Agenda Items
- 19.) Consideration and possible action regarding local disaster declaration and report related to cold weather event. (Campos)
- 20.) Monthly Department Reports
- 21.) Executive Session:
 - A) Discussion with city attorney regarding active pending litigation pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (1) (a), and to receive privileged attorney client communications pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(2).
- 22.) Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Session Item A.
- 23.) Adjourn